

## **RURAL ECONOMIC STRATEGIES CODE CHANGES**

### **Forestry**

- Allow thinning for forest health in critical area buffers without imposing 6-year development moratorium with a forest management plan

### **Animal Care Services (Dog day care, animal shelters, and other non-professional animal care services)**

- Allowed as a permitted use in commercial and business zones
- Allowed as a conditional use in rural residential (RA) and urban reserve (UR) zones
- Not allowed in Agriculture or Forestry zones

### **Agriculture**

- Nurseries – up to 3,500 sq. ft. of sales area allowed as a permitted use in Agriculture and Rural Area zones.
- Wineries and Breweries – up to 3,500 sq. ft. facility allowed as a permitted use in Agriculture and Rural Area zones. Up to 8,000 sq. ft. allowed as a conditional use in RA zones, except on Vashon Island, with a 6,000 sq. ft. limit. Tasting room allowed as part of the facility.
- Food processing – up to 3,500 sq. ft. facility allowed as a permitted use in Agriculture and Rural Area zones. Tasting room allowed as part of the facility.
- Agriculture Worker Housing – allows an increase in number of agricultural working housing units based on farm size.

### **Home Occupation (King County Council's Growth Management and Natural Resources Committee Proposed Amendment)**

- Changes standards for rural area home occupations
- Increases from one to three the number of non-resident employees
- Increases the amount of indoor area that may be used in the home business
- Modifies the amount of outdoor area that may be used in the home business
- Eliminates a requirement for landscaping around outdoor storage areas
- Allows walk up sales – now visits to the site of the business requires appointment
- Increases the number and size of vehicles allowed to be parked on site based on lot size